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Applicants: T. TAKAHASHI, et al.
Application No.: 09/974,962
Filed: October 12, 2001
For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY
Art Unit: 2824
Examiner: V. T. Nguyen

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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March 19, 2004

Sir:

Appreciation is expressed to Special Programs Examiner Phan for his courtesy and helpfulness during a telephone interview conducted in the above-identified matter on March 18, 2004.

During the course of this telephone interview, Examiner Phan advised the undersigned attorney that he had reviewed the above-identified application and determined that the claims were in condition for allowance. However, Examiner Phan indicated that the application could not be allowed at the present time because of certain informalities. Specifically, Examiner Phan noted that the original Letter Patent needed to be surrendered, or an explanation needed to be provided to indicate that it was unavailable. In addition, Examiner Phan noted that a

Supplemental Declaration was required regarding all amendments which had previously been made in the case. Finally, Examiner Phan noted that claim 17 from the March 26, 2003 Amendment needed to be completely underlined to be in proper form.

Accordingly, Examiner Phan went on to indicate that, although the Examiner Van Thu Nguyen had actually submitted the case for allowance, the application would be withdrawn from allowance and an Ex parte Quayle Office Action would be forthcoming in the near future. Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Phan for advising the undersigned attorney regarding this. Accordingly, at the present time, Applicants and the undersigned attorney await the forthcoming Ex parte Quayle Office Action. Regarding this, Examiner Phan advised the undersigned attorney that the Amendment filed on July 28, 2003 satisfied all outstanding requirements set forth in the original final rejection of April 28, 2003, and, as such, no further papers need to be filed until after the issuance of the Ex parte Quayle Office Action (noting that the Ex parte Quayle Office Action raises new objections regarding the above-noted informalities which had not been set forth in the April 28, 2003 Office Action).

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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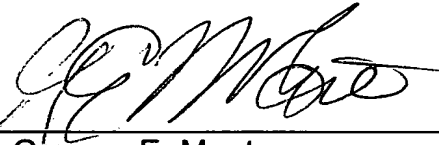
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It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 501.34214R00) and any excess fees credited to that account.

Respectfully submitted,

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